

dedication this exceptional person had for her community.

Born in New Hampshire, Bonnie came to San Diego with her family when she was a little girl. She was a small business owner, a real estate agent, a backcountry activist and an avid gardener whose own home garden became a popular fixture in the Alpine community. The Kibbee's, whose garden included various assortments of irises and day lilies, would set aside a day each spring to allow the public to come and visit.

Upset upon learning that the Internal Revenue Service was intending to confiscate the savings account of a child to pay off a parent's debt, Bonnie quickly established herself as a government watchdog and community patriot by protecting and standing up for the rights of private property owners. Through her positions on the Alpine Community Planning Group, Paul Gann's Citizen's Committee, the Christmas Calling Committee and as President of California Taxpayers Network, Inc., Bonnie dedicated herself towards community improvement, reducing crime and promoting law enforcement. Among her initiatives included raising funds for the Alpine Community Center, finding a new home for the Alpine Chamber of Commerce, assisting congressional efforts to oppose overzealous federal acquisition of private property and working to ensure that human beings were provided the same protections afforded to birds, fish and insects.

In a time when apathy is often chosen over public involvement, Bonnie Kibbee exhibited the true character of grassroots activism. As a Member of Congress, it is encouraging to see a private citizen who takes notice of what is taking place around them and works to change their community for the better. Thank you Bonnie for all your hard work. You were a natural leader, a great American and will be truly missed.

#### OREGON PUBLIC LANDS TRANSFER AND PROTECTION ACT OF 1998

SPEECH OF

**HON. DARLENE HOOLEY**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 12, 1998*

Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 4326 because I think that this is a noncontroversial package that will help address ongoing resources needs in Oregon ranging from wastewater treatment to land transfers.

I am particularly pleased that this package includes a measure to authorize the Willow Lake Natural Treatment System project which will reduce wintertime sewer system overflows to the Willamette River in Salem and local creeks.

This initiative will also provide a source of irrigation water for the farming community and improve the river habitat for fish.

Mr. Speaker, this is just one of the win-win initiatives in this important package.

This package also includes a common sense land transfer arrangement between O & C counties and the BLM, a land exchange between the BLM and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Hart Mountain in eastern Oregon, in addition to other measures that have widespread support.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

#### ARKANSAS AMVET OF THE YEAR, WINSTON MCGINNIS

**HON. MARION BERRY**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 1998*

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a man who has dedicated his time to working for Arkansas' veterans. For this reason, the AMVETS has awarded this great veteran, Winston "Mac" McGinnis who lives in my District in Melbourne Arkansas, the prestigious AMVET of the Year Award.

The AMVET of the Year Award was given to Mac for the many hours of volunteer work for all veterans and their families since his retirement from the U.S. Air Force in 1966. After an injury in Guam while serving in the Air Force, that resulted in a spinal cord injury, Mac was retired with 20 years of service. Since that time he has worked with other veterans and has volunteered in four different Veterans Hospitals. He has received a 100,000 mile award from the VA for the miles he has driven doing volunteer work and transporting veterans to and from VA hospitals.

Mac is the Executive Director of the AMVETS Department of Arkansas, Commander of Post #1 in Melbourne VAVS Representative at the Little Rock Medical Centers and National Executive Committeeman for Arkansas AMVETS. The Silver Helmet Award has over the past 40 years acquired a well-deserved reputation as the most prestigious of all the awards given by veterans organizations. I congratulate Mac for his award and his years of service working with the veterans in Arkansas. Mac, thanks for a job well done. I wish you well.

#### HONORING KATIE DAVIS

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 1998*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Katie Davis for her dedicated service to the Brooklyn community and to congratulate her as a recent recipient of an Institute for Community Living award.

Katie Davis, a graduate of Hunter College and Columbia University's Public Health Administration School, and a successful administrator at Kingsborough Psychiatric Center has made and continues to make a difference in the lives of young African Americans and Hispanics. Katie's involvement with youngsters in various aspects of their lives through a continuous process of mentoring, engagement in positive activities and community programs aimed at giving them hope for their future, has helped to mold their actions and to lead more productive lives. Many of these young adults have gone on to successfully occupy various positions, further their studies and give back to their communities by helping others.

Katie has made a tangible difference in the lives of countless young adults as well as in her own. She has worked incessantly on be-

half of community residents who have special needs like her own daughter, Jacqueline, and continue to meet daily challenges for independence and dignity throughout their lives. It is in Jacqueline's memory that the Institute for Community Living's Emerson/Davis Family Development Center was dedicated. Katie has also been an advocate for children's education and for the improvement of housing for seniors and young low-income families.

Katie is an active member of the Board of Directors of the Vanguard Urban Improvement Association, which sponsors, the development and renovation of affordable housing for low-income families in Central Brooklyn. She is also chairperson of Medgar Evers College Community Council, where she works to improve the college's ability to connect with the community, and to enhance the academic status of this educational institution. One of Katie's greatest accomplishments, however, was her election by the grassroots community as a delegate to the 1984 Democratic Convention. Her election by the community was viewed as an acknowledgement of her tireless efforts in providing voter education workshops, and organizing and directing voter registration and participation campaigns. As an active member of the Antioch Baptist Church she has served on its Board of Trustees. Katie currently resides in Brooklyn with her husband, Hervin, and her daughter, Charlene.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Katie Davis for her invaluable contributions to the Institute for Community Living and the Brooklyn community.

#### TRIBUTE TO JOE KENNEDY

**HON. JACK KINGSTON**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 1998*

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, Evans County, Georgia certainly has its share of outstanding citizens.

Perhaps because in Evans County people still take very seriously things like God, patriotism, and civic responsibilities.

And so, among so many outstanding citizens, it gives me particular pleasure to pay tribute today to one of Evans County's own who never failed to live up to those standards—Joe Kennedy, loving father, devoted husband, political leader, and outstanding Georgian.

Born and raised in Claxton, Joe spent his whole life dedicated to serving his fellow citizens in public life.

He was the kind of elected official people always felt was working for them, for Joe was a guy who, over a period of 40 years in public life, always seemed to be truly happy to help people in any way he could.

He seemed happy to help because he was.

He enjoyed serving people, and he was so very proud of his participation in a profession that he believed to be a noble one.

If Joe were alive today, he would surely be astonished that some people are even asking the question of whether character matters.

What an absurd question, and he could not conceive of why anyone might even suggest that a man's integrity was not the most important consideration of all.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, Joe served with distinction in the Korean war and received numerous decorations for his service, including